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Osceola Township Special Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2023, 5:00 PM

A special meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on May 24, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Absent was Dominique DiVito.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 5:02 PM. Steve Klein stated he was glad that the PFAS issue was resolved. He noted that the CCR for 2021 for Dollar Bay indicated a violation for the coliform bacteria and was curious about that. Jack Ham agreed that it was good news about the PFAS but felt that the number of contaminants in the water in Dollar Bay was more than in Tamarack City and wouldn't be better overall. Public Comment closed at 5:05 PM.

Project Planning Document – Discussion: Andrew Keranen from UPEA stated that today he was looking for the board to submit the alternative scopes for the project, with a resolution to complete the application, and get it submitted. He also discussed the contaminants in the water and gave a comparison of Dollar Bay vs. Hubbell water. With most questions answered from the previous Public Hearings, there was not much additional discussion that needed to take place.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to approve the Full Scope Projects for both Dollar Bay and Tamarack City for the 40-year term. Roll call vote: 3 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to adopt a resolution for a final project planning document for the water system improvements and designation and authorized project representative. Roll call vote: 3 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 5:35 PM. Jay Reed mentioned that there is a 5% chance of getting this grant, despite the \$25,000 spent on the project plan. Also wondered if we are approved, but offered less than 75% grant, if we can drop out. Andrew Keranen stated that if EGLE offers something other than 75% grant-25% loan, we can turn it down. Steve Klein wondered that if we are offered less grant than 75%, could the Tamarack City portion of the project be dropped and just move forward with Dollar Bay. Mr. Keranen stated that would likely not be the case, because of how these projects are scored and awarded. Jack Ham questioned how the process goes, and wondered at what point the residents could pull together a petition and put it to a vote. Mr. Keranen stated that in October, EGLE will have their decisions made. At that time, a Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel will be appointed, and they will put together a bond resolution which will be published in the newspaper and would include instructions on what to do. The timeline would be at the end of 2023 or beginning of 2024.

Public comment closed at 5:44 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to adjourn at 5:45 PM. AVIF